सदर बाजार में लगी आग की प्रमुख घटनाओं की जांच करने के लिए 19-4-1990 को एक समिति गठित की।

समिति ने 25-7-1990 को अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत कर दी है। समिति की सिफारिशों की दिल्ली प्रशासन द्वारा, दिल्ली नगर निगम, दिल्ली विद्युत आपूर्ति उपक्रम, दिल्ली अग्नि शमन सेवा आदि जैसे विभिन्न एजेंसियों के साथ परामर्श करके जांच की जा रही है।

(घ) यह समिति के विचारार्थ विषयों का भाग नहीं था।

(ङ) व्यापारी संबंधित बीमा कंपनियों से मुआवजे का दावा करते रहेंगे।

Sealing of Indo-Pak Border

*28. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sealed the Indo-Pakistan border to check infiltration of terrorists into India;

(b) whether it is a fact the entry of Pak-trained terrorists is causing serious problems for the security of the people who are living in the border areas; and

(c) the number of Pakistanis and Pak-trained Indian terrorists arrested and detained in Indian jails during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Maximum security and counter-infiltration measures possible have been taken to control infiltration through Indo-Pak border and the Line of Control.

(b) In order to counter the threat from terrorists infiltrating into India, the strength of security forces has been augmented both on the border and on internal security duties.

(c) Security Forces including State Armed Police Units apprehend infiltrators and hand them over to the State Police for action under the law. During the period from February to July, 1990 BSF have apprehended 75 Pak nationals and 5 Indian terrorists on Indo-Pak border. As regards the number of Pakistanis and Pak-trained Indian terrorists arrested and detained in Indian jails during the last six months, information is being collected from the border States and UT of Chandigarh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

29. [*Transferred to the 21st August, 1990.*]

Communication facilities for middle class people

*30. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to bring communication facilities especially telephone service within the reach and economic capacity of the middle class people;

(b) whether the raising of rentals and charges has become an annual feature;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to reduce the over-head charges and the costs of service; and

(d) the details of effective economy measures initiated by Government this year in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to minimise the cost of provision of new telephones. To achieve this the technologies are chosen and deployed carefully. Constant attempt is made to increase the productivity of the Staff of the Department. These steps are expected to benefit all telephone subscribers including those belonging to middle class. In addition, for those who cannot afford to own a telephone the access to telephone service is proposed to be increased by providing a large number of public telephones during the 8th Plan.